



BLESSED THOUGHT

JAMES A. SANAKER

The One who never slumbers
Will guard you while you sleep;
The One who never wearies
Will comfort when you weep.

The One who never falters
Will guide you all the way
If you will only love Him
And take the time to pray.

His arm is never shortened,
He never shuts His eyes,
His Home is yours forever
With Him, beyond the skies.

—Gospel Herald.

THE GROUND OF

"O God, thou art my God; because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice,"
Psa. 63:1a, 7.

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Notices

Announcements of Conventions

Bahama Convention will convene April 4 through April 7.

Puerto Rico Convention will convene May 16 through 19.

The date for the Jamaica convention has been changed, but we have not received word of the new date.

Addresses of Ministers and Workers

D. G. Kitchens: 2833 W. Nevada, Seattle, Wash.

T. F. Blackwell: 1332 Michigan Ave., Joplin, Mo. Phone 697.

If you have loved ones or friends moving to Salem, Ore., or vicinity, especially those returning from the Service, and would like for them to be in contact with the church, please send me their addresses and I will do all I can to help them.—G. W. Clegghorn, pastor, 2215 Shelton St., Salem, Ore.

DEATHS

BURNS

Sister Ona Burns, a member of the Church of God here for over fourteen years, passed away January 5, 1946. Her cheerful and friendly manner endeared her to many.—Katherine Payton, clerk, Coalmont, Ind.

STEPHENS

Brother A. C. Stephens, Joplin, Mo., departed this life January 8, 1946; age eighty-six years. He was a member and deacon of the Church of God at Joplin, Mo., for many years and was loyal and faithful to his church, always pleasant in his suffering, praising the Lord. He trusted God for his body until death. He was a great lover of children and all children loved him, therefore, he was a Sunday School worker.—Rev. T. F. Blackwell, pastor, Joplin, Mo.

HYATT

Frederick A. Hyatt departed this life January 22, 1946; age seventy years. He was a charter member of the Church of God at Salem, W. Va., an ordained deacon of the church here and active in the different departments of the church. He will be

missed by his many friends and loved ones.—Pastor, Clyde Atkins, 119 State St., Salem, W. Va.

GRAVITT

Mrs. Mollie Gravitt, a faithful member of the Church of God for twenty years, went to her reward January 11, 1946; age seventy-four years.—Her pastor, Clyde N. Bolt, LaGrange, Ga.

ORCHARD

Miss Lillian Orchard, Atlantic City, N. J., one of the very first Church of God members here, passed away December 30, 1945; age twenty-five years.—Mrs. John Josephsen, clerk, 311 E. Wyoming Ave., Absecon, N. J.

LANIER

Our dearly beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Blanche C. Lanier, departed this life to be with Jesus January 19, 1946; age sixty-four years and eight months. Sister Lanier was an active member of the Church of God at Kinston, N. C., for the past eight years, and was the Young People's Sunday School Class teacher.

Pray for her bereaved children.—J. A. Grigg, pastor, Kinston, N. C.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to undertake for me and His will be done; my sister-in-law, who is very sick with stomach trouble, to be healed.—Mrs. Sarah Gable, Rt. 3, Canton, Ga.

The healing of my wife, she is very sick with a blood clot.—Rev. E. W. Goff, Box 15, Wapato, Wash.

The healing of my baby; me; God to undertake for a case.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

The healing of a mother in Baldwin, Ga., Box 53, of cancers of the stomach; she is not able to undergo an operation.—Mrs. Willis G. Page, Box 1686, Wilmington, Del.

The healing of my sick body.—Kathrine Brown, Rt. 3, Hattiesburg, Miss.

God to undertake for Waymon Thompson.—Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Kate Tay-

lor, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

My husband to be healed of a rupture.—Mrs. Chas. H. Shaw, Box 556, Clanton, Ala.

The complete healing of my body, I had the flu and it settled in my left side from my head to my foot.—Mrs. Roy Ward, Williamston, N. C.

The Lord to heal my body, which is very badly afflicted with stomach trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. Coy Farmer, Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

The healing of my body; my sister, Mrs. Frank Parry, Rt. 3, Box 193, Blytheville, Ark., to be saved and healed of T. B.—Mrs. Raymond Wells, c/o E. C. Robinson Lbr. Co., Blytheville, Ark.

The healing of my body of a serious intestinal disease, which has affected almost my whole body.—A saved Evangel reader, Whitwell, Tenn.

God to undertake for me and my home, we truly need prayer.—Once a child of God, Ft. Gibson, Okla.

The healing of my husband's mother, Mrs. Annie Belle Tomlin, Rt. 2, Laurel, Ind.; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Dorothy Jane Tomlin, Rt. 1, Metamora, Ind.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. C. W. Stevenson, Valscreek, W. Va.

The healing of my sister, the healing of a friend; the healing of my husband's sister.—Mrs. Frank Walls, Davin, W. Va.

The healing of my niece, Willie Whittey, Oneonta, Ala.—Mrs. Joe Whittey, Rt. 1, Fyffe, Ala.

Brother J. S. Murphy's healing of T. B.—A sister in Christ.

The healing of my legs, they have been sore for sixteen or seventeen years.—Bessie Bates, 20 Central Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

The healing of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Leona Hight, Rt. 2, Dora, Ala.

My complete healing. Encouragement appreciated.—Cora L. Neace, Ranger, W. Va.

The healing of my body; the healing of my mother and little boy.—Mrs. Ruby Huggins, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.

My little niece; my mother-in-law to be saved and healed; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Dollie Pollard.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Wiley Davis, Tyler, Mo.

Jealousy is a horse which the devil likes to ride.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The Two Ways

By Mrs. Mattie Amos

In Matt. 7:13, Jesus tells of the two ways, the broad and the narrow way. *"Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."*

Just stop and think, which one of the ways are you going? Remember, this life here on earth is short. Each setting of the sun is shortening your time here and it is swiftly carrying you on to eternity. Which is your choice of the ways? It is now time to think of your soul. If you are young, you may think, "I have time enough yet," but we find Josh. 25:15, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Paul says, 2 Cor. 6:2, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Nowhere in God's Word do we have any promise of tomorrow.

If you are on the broad way, won't you stop one moment and consider your life? What is your aim? What and where is your destination for eternity? If now, at this moment, you should be called out of this world, where would you spend eternity? When the death angel calls for you, no excuse will be accepted. You will not have time to repent then. God has not respect of persons. The old, the young, the rich, and poor, all must go to meet the Lord when He calls.

There are some who say we have a thousand years to repent after death, but God's Word says, in Heb. 9:27, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," and in Luke 16:22, 23, "The rich man died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments." He must not have had a chance to repent after he died. You may meet death when you least expect it. Consider every day and every hour where

your way is leading you. You are now at this moment, and will be at the hour of death, on the broad or the narrow way. It is woe unto you if you are on the broad way. The devil is your inspirer and guide and you obey him, and his angels are ever near filling your mind with worry and unrest and the cares of this life. You are bearing fruits like all others on the broad way of destruction. They are like branches of a tree rooted and nourished from the depth of hell, and all the growers of hell supporting it. Woe unto you if your life is bearing fruit of this tree. It cannot be good fruit. Matt. 3:10, "Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." Do you want to be in that number? If not, you had better obey. Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Gal. 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit." Can't you now separate yourself from the world? You may be busy planning for the future, but tomorrow all may be quiet, just your still form remain, your soul gone to meet God.

Dear reader, just think of the worth of a soul. Who can estimate its value? Who can appraise its worth? An immortal soul is beyond price. Your soul is of more value than the wealth of the world. Satan hates our soul, and he is using energy and every snare for the very purpose of ruining our soul. When this body of ours has crumbled to dust and passed away into the forgotten past, our soul will live on. Just ask yourself, honestly, "Am I on the narrow way?" If not, turn and seek God now while the door of mercy is still open. Through the redeeming blood of Jesus you can be saved, but without His pardon you are lost. You do not have to be in church to get saved, although it is the proper place. Jesus can save you any time and any

place. Isa. 59:1, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." God has done all He can do that we might be saved.

John 6:37, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." There is only one way to get on the narrow way. Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." When He forgives all your past and you have been washed in His blood, you have then stepped over in the narrow way. Matt. 7:14, "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

"We notice today that very few are on this narrow way. So many do not have time to give one thought to where they will spend eternity. To the few who will take the narrow way, God will give power to overcome all evil and temptations. When you are on the narrow way, you will be bearing good fruit, from the branches of the tree rooted in Christ, all the powers of heaven supporting it, and blessed are they who have much of this fruit in their life. When we are on this narrow way we are not afraid to die, for the Holy Ghost is our guide and the angels will be our protector. Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

"In conclusion of this little message, dear readers, I ask, if you are not saved, repent of your sins and confess Christ as your Savior. Be baptized in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Matt. 28:19. Then let Him sanctify you with His own blood. After you have been sanctified, tarry for the Holy Ghost. Luke 24:29; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4; 5:32. The promise is to all the Lord shall call. May God's richest blessings be on you all, is my prayer.

WAIT ON THE LORD

PVT. D. H. STEWART

I wish to say a few words on the text Psa. 37:34. I am just starting out in God's work and have only preached three sermons so far. I ask the prayers of all that I may grow stronger in His work.

"Wait on the Lord, and keep his ways, and he shall exalt thee to in-
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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Bible Lessons, John 6:45

1. The sinner's lesson is that God has provided mercy. 2. The backslider's lesson is to learn to do well, Isa. 1:17. 3. The saint's lesson is to learn of "Me," Matt. 11:29. 4. A woman's lesson is to "learn in silence," 1 Tim. 2:11. This is a hard lesson. 5. A child's lesson is to learn to show pity, 1 Tim. 5:4. 6. The servant's lesson is to learn honest trades, Titus 3:14. 7. Everybody's lesson is to learn to fear God, Deut. 31:12.

MacArthur and the Vatican

General MacArthur has issued an order severing diplomatic relations between Japan and the Vatican, a thing which President Truman so far has not done, though there has been tremendous pressure brought to bear on this point.

Nothing Secret

Some writers claim that the radios, broadcasting everywhere as they do, have now fulfilled the scripture which says, "That which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops," Luke 12:3. This is a daring twist of the truth of this and kindred passages. The reference here is to the omniscience of God in knowing all things, and (2) to the omnipotence of God, who will bring all supposed secret things into judgment.

Religion in Japan

Shintoism was the state religion of Japan and had the support of the state. Now banished by an order by Gen. MacArthur, Shintoism stands like all other religions—on its own legs. The 17,500,000 adherents, with 112,970 shrines, may practice their religion only as others share the "freedom of religion." Christianity should now have a much brighter future in Japan. There are about 400,000 Christians in Japan.

Stewards

In the light of 1 Cor. 4:1, ministers are stewards of the mysteries of God. It is required of stewards that they be found faithful. It is the truth of the gospel God has ordained ministers

should preach. It may be mysterious in both its origin and meaning, but spiritual men will know the voice of truth, and servants who are faithful and fearless will preach the truth without fear or favor. The destiny of lost sinners, as well as that of the saints, depends on the revelation of the truth of the gospel through God's stewards for their salvation.

Church Building Boom

The North American Conference on Church Architectures recently met in New York, at which time a declaration was made that the United States is facing the biggest church building boom in its history.

Delusion

"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thess. 2:11, 12. During these days of apostasy and deceivableness by Satan as he works toward building up the kingdom of antichrist, through whom he hopes to deceive and finally destroy the human race, men either choose for God and in that choice escape "strong delusions" and finally condemnation, or they will submit to political bickering, complacency and hope of a utopian state here upon earth. It is quite clear that the whole world has been deceived by modern dictators, have believed a lie and are now in the political struggle of anti-Christian principles, which will lead to demoralization of American and Christian objectives.

Revivals

The North Cleveland church has recently been visited with the greatest revival since the Church of God came to Cleveland. The last mention I heard of the number saved was one hundred ten. Sixty have come into the church and the meeting still goes on. Rev. D. R. Moreland is the evangelist, and during the twenty-five years I have heard him preach, he never looked better in the pulpit. His messages are seasoned with the voice of God to both saint and sinner. South

Cleveland Church of God last Sunday could not render its program over the radio because of the presence and the power of God at the church. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Bixler, gave an altar call, at which time the altar was filled with hungry seekers and at least two received the Holy Ghost. God is working in many ways, places, and churches, in a most marvelous way.

These Kings

Those kings from Daniel's day until the present have proven the Word of God to be true. Daniel said of this heterogeneous jumble of political geniuses, that they were like iron and clay; that is, they would mix and mingle themselves together but they would not "cleave one to another," even as iron is not mixed with clay (Dan. 2:43). Iron and clay do not have a common origin, neither does the iron of dictatorships spring from the same mould of thinking as the fickle-minded who do not have enough stability to resist political dictators and deception. The royal families of earth have mixed and mingled by intermarriages, but today those families of kings are quite broken up. It remains, however, that during the days of "these kings" "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed," Dan. 2:44. His coming can't be far off. The last measures of colossal dictatorships are about to culminate in a World Order of the "Big Four"; the iron of which, in their Christ rejection of righteous rule upon earth, will soon feel the smiting blow of the "stone" that "was cut out of the mountain without hands," Dan. 2:45; these will soon be broken and become as the chaff of the summer threshing floor.

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Meeting God's Requirements

By Shirley B. Cochran, Evangelist

The very words of our text should stir the heart of each Christian man or woman who should chance to read it. God has requirements for us to meet just as well as He had requirements for those men of old.

Let us notice especially one character in the Old Testament who met God's requirement and how God helped him meet this particular requirement he placed upon him. And God will help us meet our requirements if we will consecrate our lives to Him.

In the 22nd chapter of Genesis, we read that God told Abraham to offer unto Him as a burnt offering his only son, Isaac. Abraham did not begin to make excuses and argue with God how he disliked the idea of having to sacrifice his only son, but as soon as he heard the command from the Lord, he commenced to fulfill it. You remember the story of how Abraham journeyed into the land of Moriah unto the specified mount told him by God where he should offer Isaac unto Him.

He bound Isaac and laid him on the altar of sacrifice and was about to take his life, as God had commanded, when the angel of the Lord spoke unto him and told him not to slay his son. Then Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught by his horns in the bushes, which God had provided, instead of his having to offer his only son. God made a way for Abraham because this "father of the faithful" withheld NOTHING from Him. And He will make a way for you and me if we will only obey His voice regardless of how difficult the said task may appear to be.

AS A MOTHER

Mothers, God has a requirement for you also. He expects you to teach those children of yours in the "way of the Lord." A great responsibility truly is resting upon your shoulders today—more than ever before. Daughters are going down to destruction every hour of every day. WHY? Because our mothers are failing to meet the requirements that God has placed upon them. Listen, mothers, if you have been failing in the past to bring up your children in the way they should go, start now. Do all you can to save

Text: "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," Deut. 10:12.

their souls. Pray harder than ever before and soon, some day in the future, you will be glad that you held on to God for them, when you can see them riding through the clouds to see Jesus.

AS A FATHER

So often our fathers of today think it is all the mother's place and duty to take care of the home and its affairs and for them to ride along on flowery beds of ease. You, too, have a responsibility—to govern that home of yours as God would have it to be governed.

So many little boys look to "Daddy" for nearly everything they want. They see in "Daddy" what they don't see in anyone else. And they like to do the same things that Daddy does. Are you willing for your little boy to follow in your footsteps? Would that path you are traveling lead that boy's soul into eternal rest? Fathers, live the life so you would be proud to know that your son was following in the ways of "his dad."

AS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

You may ask, "Well, what does God require of me?" If you are a child of God, He requires you to live righteously in this world, to be an example both to the BELIEVER and the UNBELIEVER, and to point souls to Calvary. Christians, if there was ever a time we needed to hold up JESUS to this world, it is TODAY. We are all that God has to work through. Have you ever thought of it in that way? If we fail, what then? Their blood will be required at our hands in the day of judgment. It's going to be a sad day when sinners will look into our faces and say, "If you would have only told me about this Christ," or, "If you would have only lived the life that I may have known there was a reality in serving Jesus, I, too, would have accepted the Savior." But oh, we failed! It will be too late then. Church of God

members, let us reconsecrate our lives to God more than ever before. "Let us LIVE and LOOK like JESUS." Let others see JESUS in you!

AS A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

There is a grave responsibility that is resting upon the "true called man

of God." As we look about in our land today, there are so many who are not preaching the true gospel of JESUS. Surely this is one occurrence that makes us to know and realize the coming of the Lord is soon at hand, "Even at the door."

Ministers of the gospel, don't give up and compromise with your congregations because of the finance that will be continued if you do so. Say, is not ONE soul worth more than the silver and gold of this world—yea, even the whole world? The powers of the underworld are stronger than ever because they know that the end of time is near. Do all that is humanly possible to rescue poor lost men and women from sin.

Perhaps at one time you were in full-time ministry carrying the gospel, but now you find yourself discouraged because of this or that; but say, take a new hold on life. Give Jesus your hand again. Be determined to preach His Word. Souls are in need of YOUR help. "Truly the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few." God is counting on you to work in His vineyard. Had He not, He would never have called you.

AS A SINNER

God also has a requirement for you to meet, and that is you must forsake sin and its paths and accept "Jesus," the One who alone can give you eternal life. This is the only way in which you may obtain salvation for your soul.

Remember, God has a requirement for you to meet. He has a WORK for YOU to do in this life. Seek God's will, and when you have found it, do whatsoever He biddeth. If you have been failing to do HIS WILL, purpose in your heart NOW to fulfill HIS WILL and to consecrate your life anew to God. Meet GOD'S REQUIREMENTS regardless of the cost, for surely JESUS IS COMING SOON.

Hindrances

To a Successful Life of Faith

By J. W. Archer

(Continued from Feb. 2 issue)

(2) **QUESTIONING THE WILL OF GOD.** If we doubt what IS the will of God, we most assuredly will doubt whether or not we are going to receive that which we ask of Him. Therefore, **KNOW** the will of God before you make your petition. The girl who knows it is her mother's will to buy her a new dress will ask for it with buoyant confidence. But if she is not sure of her mother's mind, she will approach the subject with timidity and doubt. Know the will of God, then proceed with confidence. 1 John 5:14, 15.

(3) **DOUBT IS CAUSED BY LOOKING UPON SURROUNDING, UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.** Unfavorable circumstances which definitely contradict a positive promise of God, are Satan's atomic bomb in his warfare against your faith. With it he will completely lay to waste your citadel of faith. When God says it will be done, but circumstances say it can't be done, we defeat the promise of God if we look at the circumstances. When God says, "You are healed," but evidence appears to make God a liar, the wise man will take God's word and rejoice in the victory.

The foolish joins the ranks of Satan's unbelievers and defeats himself. Jonah looked at the very unfavorable evidences to be found on the inside of a whale's stomach looking out, and called them lying vanities. Said he, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy," Jonah 2:8. So, instead of looking at his evident defeat, he said, "I will look again toward thy holy temple," V. 4, and, "I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving," (V. 9.) And when Jonah looked to God, right through the whale's belly, and through several fathoms of deep sea water, and through the eyes of a backslidden, but repentant preacher, and raised the voice of PRAISE unto the Lord, all doubts fled, faith swept in, and he was delivered.

Let us look at Peter, who doubted right in the middle of his greatest triumph of faith. Matt. 14:22-33. I

have often asked the question while teaching faith from this scripture, "Now, did Peter actually walk on the water?" And more often than not the answer has been "No!" But Peter DID walk on the water! It is one of the greatest acts of faith recorded in all of religious history. For Jesus to walk on the water was a miracle, but for Peter to walk on the water was even a greater miracle, for he was entirely human, and did not have the divine attributes of Jesus. If any of you question the greatness of this miracle, I might ask, How many of you feel that you could actually step out of a boat in the midst of a stormy sea and walk on the boisterous waves? The Word says, "And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water . . ." Yes, Peter here performs one of the great miracles of all times, yet in the midst of this triumphant march of victory his faith failed and he began to sink toward spiritual failure and death. WHY? Because he DOUBTED! Hear the words of Jesus, more in sorrow, it seems, than in rebuke, "O thou of little faith, WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?" So, we also ask, just what caused Peter to doubt? for we have doubts, too, and if we can see what upset Peter, perhaps we can avoid the same pitfall. Let us answer that question by first asking and answering another one.

WHAT GAVE PETER SUCH VICTORIOUS FAITH?

He was not in a praise service, or a faith-filled prayer meeting. He was in a boat filled with fearful men. He was not in a valley of beautiful trees and mountains and flowers, and an atmosphere conducive to a peaceful trust in God. He was in the midst of a stormy and very dangerous sea, but he had just discovered that Jesus was with them! Happy indeed is that man or woman who, when his bark is being tossed on the boisterous waves of an extremely fearsome trial, discovers the joyous and glorious fact that Jesus is always with him in his hour of trial; and while we are tossed

to and fro by the storm, He is walking peacefully over it all, ready to bolster our faith and still the storm!

So Peter's faith was restored by recognizing the presence of Jesus. Then his faith was suddenly made supernaturally great by believing the Word of the Lord when He said, "Come," and by fixing his eyes steadfastly on Jesus as he stepped forth to obey that word. Our greatest triumphs of faith have come in those precious and never-to-be-forgotten moments, when some promise or command of the Word has suddenly become very real and living to us, and, filled with faith, we have fixed our eyes upon the Lord and boldly stepped forth "to go to Jesus." Someone has said that faith is when we step out onto nothing and find Jesus there. So then, WHY DID PETER DOUBT?

Even as keeping his eyes fixed on Jesus, *in spite of* the storm, was the cause of Peter's faith, so taking his eyes off Jesus *because of* the storm, was the cause of his doubt and failure. Knowing the character of Peter, one could easily imagine that he turned around to grin triumphantly at his companions in the boat, and thus, through pride, lost his spiritual contact and began to sink. But the account does not say that it happened that way. What it does reveal to us is that he was "afraid." Fear is the direct opposite of faith, and will invariably lead us to disaster. FEAR—DOUBT! they are bed mates. Fear that the burning fever in that child is going to end in death, even though the pastor has prayed. Fear that that persistent irritation is going to be a cancer. Fear that those stomach pains are proof of ulcers. Fear that the plague is going to strike your home. Afraid to testify, because of the opinion of others. We doubt our salvation; we doubt our healing; we doubt our baptism; above all, we doubt that the Lord will do what He has definitely promised to do.

The glorious promises of Psalm 91,

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Can It Be Done? It Is Being Done!

In the City of Atlanta, Georgia

In the year of 1938, I was state overseer of the Church of God in Georgia and lived in Atlanta. U. D. Tidwell, now state overseer of Tennessee, was pastor of our only local church in Atlanta, located on Sixth Street in a frame building valued at approximately \$4,000. In the earlier part of that year, we had 128 members in the local church. In December of the same year, there were 213 members.

G. R. Watson, now serving his fourth year as state overseer of Missouri, was clerk and treasurer for the local church. In the spring of 1938, the Lord laid it on his heart to conduct a revival in Riverside, a suburb of Atlanta. He and the pastor, Brother Tidwell, talked to me about furnishing a tent for a revival in Riverside, and they asked for the smallest tent we had in the State, which tent was sent to Atlanta; but at the first service they found that the tent was too small. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and our second church in Atlanta, Georgia, was organized in the fall of 1938. They began immediately to build a new church house. Brother Watson pastored the new church, and within one year it had developed into a very fine, strong, self-supporting church, housed in a modern, beautiful, frame building, which was later converted into a fine brick veneer.

The church members on Sixth Street were talking of building a new church house, and they began to raise money. They purchased a lot on Hemphill Avenue, but no building was started until H. L. Whittington was appointed pastor of the Sixth Street church. He immediately began to boost the dragging building program; purchased other lots adjoining those already owned by the church; put on a daily broadcast, and the Lord began to bless in a way. Probably no other radio program in the City of Atlanta, was listened to more than the Church of God program conducted by Brother Whittington, with music and singing by the LaFevre Trio. The building committee resigned and the building

of the church house and parsonage was turned over to the pastor, who went to work, and they built a fine church house on Hemphill Avenue, and a nine-room brick parsonage. The property is now valued at \$70,000.

A. M. Phillips has been pastor of the Hemphill church for the last three years, and the Lord has continued to bless the work in a marvelous way. Brother Phillips is a man of vision. He loves the Lord and likes to see His work progress. He has no selfish motives in his work and wants to see every church organized in Atlanta that possibly can be. He is not only willing to transfer members from his church to help start a new work, but lends every aid and assistance in raising funds for new buildings, boosting revivals and putting over the new work. I do not know the history of the new churches in Atlanta, but we now have seven churches there. Six of them own their buildings; the seventh was organized about two months ago and they are raising funds and will soon start their new building.

Hemphill Avenue

This church has a membership of 507. The church has been very liberal in helping other local congregations to get started. They have supported the work in a general way, and the Lord is blessing them for their generosity and liberality. In a recent revival, God gave them more than one hundred new members.

Riverside

Brother T. W. Godwin is pastor of the Riverside church. Their church house is valued at \$12,000 and their parsonage at \$5,000. They have about 250 members.

Southside

Reverend Carter is pastor of the South Side church, and they have a church building worth about \$5,000.

Grant Park

Sister Largin preaches at this church, and they have a very nice, new brick church house valued at \$18,000, with a membership of 120.

By John C. Jernigan,
General Overseer

Avondale

This church is pastored by E. H. Miles and their church property is valued at \$5,500.

Marvin Street

A. J. Williams is pastor of this church. They have a church building valued at \$2,500.

Mill

This is a new church, about two months old. Brother Watkins is their pastor, and I understand they have good prospects for a future work. They have already raised a nice sum on a new church house and will start building at an early date.

The work being done in Atlanta, Georgia, is an example of what can be done in the big cities of America, and *is being done* in cities other than Atlanta. Eight years ago they had only one small local church (on Sixth Street) with 128 members and approximately \$4,000 worth of church property and the church was barely able to support its pastor. Today we have seven churches, with about 1,000 members and \$118,000 worth of church property. The idea of having only one or two churches in a large city is a selfish idea. The pastors of the Hemphill church possibly could have held everything in the city for the one local church, but they have had pastors with visions, who desired to see souls saved and to see the Church grow. The Lord has blessed in a marvelous way in the City of Atlanta, but their work is not finished. There is yet room for more churches, and more members in the seven already organized.

P. S. Brother A. M. Phillips, pastor of the Hemphill Avenue church in Atlanta, told me today, barely in time to get this postscript in, that they were purchasing a Baptist church in the City, and getting ready to set in order the eighth church of God in Atlanta, Georgia. In the above article I also forgot to mention that the State of Georgia recently purchased a state parsonage there at a cost of \$14,500. They also own a nice home, the present state parsonage, where the Y.P.E. and Sunday School state superintendent will live.

Living Near to the Heart of God

We read in Col. 3:3, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." In John 14:20 Jesus said, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." These verses teach us how to live near the great heart of God. We are in Christ, and Christ is in God. We are doubly hidden, have double strength and double power. The devil cannot come nigh us; he cannot overthrow us, living so near to the heart of God.

Satan told God that He had a hedge about Job, and about his house, and about all that he owned, and Satan could not reach Job until God's time for proving Job had arrived. David spoke in Psa. 34:7, saying, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him." One thing sure, we must live far enough away from the world to leave a margin for the angel to camp on. The secret of the whole thing is revealed by Paul, when out on the sea, the ship about to sink, Paul told those aboard that not a life would be lost, for he said, "There stood by me this night the angel of the Lord, whose I am." Paul knew to whom he belonged, and he knew also the road he had to take—even the death route. We love the precious words of the poet, "Everything that toucheth the committed life is a part of God's plan for that life."

We talk so much about submitting to God's will. There's a vast difference between committing and submitting. That night in the Philippian jail, the jailor cried out to Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" But on the road to Damascus, in the dust of the road, with a blazing sun o'erhead, a haughty, arrogant man lay looking up into the face of Jesus, hearing His voice, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And Saul, trembling and astonished, committed himself to these words, Lord, *what wilt Thou have me to do?* All the kick gone, all the prick gone, as he moved near to the heart of God. No longer "What must I do?" but "*What wilt thou have me to do?*"

Out on the Washington desert, where everything was dry, oh, so very dry, I said, "Lord will I ever live again? Only Thou knowest. Can this be a part of your plan for me?" Again, on the mountainside, on the Oregon Trail,

By Mabel Maddeford

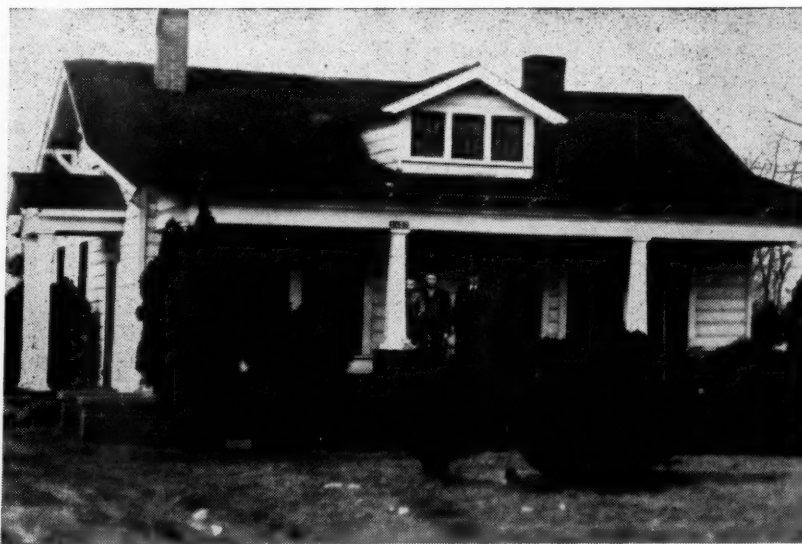
when we were skidding on the ice and snow, and husband and I had to dig buckets of dirt from under four feet of snow to put in front of the wheels to give them traction, I looked up and said, "I'm hid in Thee, dear Lord, doubly hid, near Thy heart. So I will not kick against the pricks." People driving by on that slick mountain road dared not stop to assist us, but He, *Whose I am*, saw us there in our distress and came to our rescue.

The dear, precious Bible is our outline to this triumphant place near to the heart of God. Much drawing nigh unto Him and sitting at His dear feet, as He tells in His Word, causes Him to increase as we ourselves decrease. Paul meant what he said in writing to Timothy these words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Have you, dear friends, ever been ashamed at hearing someone giving out the Word, who showed only too plainly the lack of study? I heard a dear preacher sister say one time, "Oh, I just open my mouth and God fills it." But I would be afraid mine might be filled with just air if I attempted to preach with no study of the Word. By feasting on the Word, we move near the heart of God, becoming a part of Him, of His body. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." God said to Ezekiel, "Eat this roll, and go speak to Israel." Don't go preach until you have eaten and digested this roll. Ezekiel said, "Then did I eat it: and it was honey in my mouth." Oh, hallelujah! Becoming a part of God—eating Him—increasing in Him—growing unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Living near to the heart of God.

PARSONAGE AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA



This fine six-room parsonage was purchased by the Church of God at Marietta, Ga., September, 1945, for \$4,000. It has electricity, hot water, and bath. The lot is fifty by one hundred feet and is on a main street going in and out of Marietta. It is located on the same block the church is. The address is 1407 Roswell Street. The pastor and his wife are very proud of it.—Rev. Taft Black.

B. I. S. Speaks . . .

THE WORD "BIBLE"

Hoyt Pope

The greatest book in existence is the Bible. It is so important that the rich people have it in their homes, as well as the poor. The Book is so important that each letter in the word has a great meaning. I shall proceed to give my interpretation of each letter.

"B" means to buy this valuable Book. There are millions sold in the world each year. They are on sale in nearly every store, and are sold so cheaply that the poorest of men can buy one. One man may pay a number of dollars for a modern book written by some great man; yet, for only a few cents the greatest and most enduring Book of all times, written by the greatest men since the Master, Himself, was here, may be purchased. No investment will reap for the investor nearly so great a reward as this Book, if he will only let it. If I did not have a Bible, I would go to town today and buy one. One of the first things I did after I received Christ was to buy a Bible; likewise, I believe when you receive Christ, you will buy the Book that contains His words.

The second letter is "I." After you have bought a Bible, then investigate it. Really, there is not so much use in buying a Bible if you are going to leave it on the shelf all the time. Of the millions that are sold, I am afraid only a few are being investigated; the others are used for decoration, or selfish purposes. During the investigation, one will find himself a sinner. His destiny is coming, he has to face a judgment with no hope of life. Then in the darkness, the penitent reader's eyes find these words, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." So, instead of darkness, despair, and misery, the Bible brings hope, peace, joy, and a ray of sunshine to all who will investigate it. There are more spiritual diamonds in the Bible than natural ones in the mines of South Africa, but as one digs for the natural diamonds; likewise, he must dig into the Bible to find the spiritual diamonds.

The next letter is "E." After you have bought and investigated the Bible, then believe what you have found

in it. Regardless of your petty convictions or your ideal philosophy, believe what the Bible says. The world has a modern atheistic feeling; the Bible is denounced as a myth. They do not believe in the true principles of Christianity. With the tide of unbelief, many sober-thinking people are drifting into infidelity and atheism. Let us not be swept away in this delusion, but believe with childlike faith the eternal words of God.

The next letter is "L," which could easily mean to live what is taught in the Bible. There are many people who believe the Bible is inspired by the Holy Ghost; that Jesus is the Son of God; that He gave His life that we might have life, but still they will not live what they believe. If people would live the Bible, this world would be different. It would be a paradise. Today God desires for people to live for Him, forsake the world, deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow Him. After all, it is how one lives that really counts. You can benefit mankind more by living the Bible than any other way. By living the Bible you are a good Samaritan, a loyal citizen, and, most of all, a Christlike example.

The last letter of the word is "E." To a person who believes and lives the Bible, enjoyment is sure to come. The Scripture speaks of salvation as "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Joy is the consequence of having Christ in your life. Without Him there can be no true joy, but with Him there is much to enjoy.

If you do not have a Bible, *buy* one; if you have a Bible, *investigate* it; if you have investigated the Bible, *believe* it; if you believe the Bible, *live* it; if you live the Bible, then *enjoy* it.

President E. L. Simmons and Sister Simmons left Friday for Florida, to visit Brother Simmons' parents. They expect to return within a week or ten days.

Brother and Sister M. P. Cross again visited the school over the week end. We are always glad to have Brother and Sister Cross visit with us.

NEWS FROM THE CHINESE CLUB

Since so many of the students who took Chinese last year returned, and several new students who had calls to

China entered this year, we organized a Chinese Club. Our sponsor, Sister Margareta Poulos, and our officers: Donald Crane, president; Lovell Carey, vice-president; Ruth Carmine, secretary and treasurer, have done fine work in boosting and building the Chinese spirit in our club.

The first purpose of the club is to learn more about China and its people. This is accomplished by programs which are planned to be educational as well as entertaining and spiritual. Songs and testimonies are given in Chinese, and reports on subjects pertaining to Chinese life are given. Members of the club also read books concerning China found in the library.

The Chinese Club is noted for its spirituality and, because we want to remain spiritual, we maintain this as another of our chief purposes. It is the desire of the club members to be more consecrated to God, dedicated to His work, and to have a greater burden for lost souls after each club meeting.

One of the projects of the club is to write to Brother and Sister Greer Hawkins, who were with us most of last year. We love and appreciate them and are interested in their work in Hawaii. In our last club meeting before the Christmas holidays, an offering was taken for them as a token of our love.

During the next semester, the club hopes to do greater things for the Lord by becoming more interested in the people around us who need God in their lives.—Charlotte Hewett.

BANGKOK BIBLE HOUSE UNDAMAGED

The American Bible Society has just received its first word concerning another of its Bible House properties in the war area. Its attractive building in Bangkok, Siam, according to a report that has just come through from one of the native workers, the Rev. Mark Boon Gittasan, was very little damaged during the bombing of that city. Mr. Gittasan was left in charge when the Society's secretary, the Rev. Robert O. Franklin, and Mrs. Franklin were interned by the Japanese. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were returned to this country on the first trip made by the *Gripsholm*.

The interior of the Bible House is reported to be undamaged. As the Bible plates of the Siamese Scriptures were kept in the building, it is hoped these are safe, as well as the Society's library and any supply of Siamese
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Church of God Bible School in Western Canada

Testimonies by Our Seniors

It is with great pleasure that I witness to the saving grace of my Savior; also to that keeping power wherein I find joy and satisfaction in serving, with my whole heart, One who never fails.

When I came to Bible School in November, 1943, I was not saved, even though I was reared in a very good home and among Pentecostal people. The spiritual atmosphere at the school and the presence of the Lord soon gripped my troubled soul and I accepted His saving grace.

During the second term of school, I received a greater blessing than the first, for my soul was hungry for the deeper things of God. The Lord graciously poured out His Holy Spirit upon me and the school. Ere I leave this term, I do hope that I can inspire other young folks to come to Bible School.

There is a deep concern in our school for the mission work, both at home and abroad. As a result, we have organized a "Missionary Prayer Circle," of which I am the supervisor. The aim of this is to contact missionaries in the foreign lands, find out some of the difficulties they must contend with, that we might know their needs, and be able to pray for them. We have, thus far, contacted missionaries in Alaska, East Africa, West Africa, South Africa, India, China, and several other countries and islands. This helps and encourages us to be more concerned about the mission work. Perhaps there will be some of our own group represented in the mission fields not too far in the future.

The Lord truly is gracious and it is my desire that I may serve Him by leading others to Him throughout the years to come.—Luke Summers, Climax, Sask.

It is with joy in my soul that I can testify for Jesus. Truly He has done so much for me. He saved me and filled me with His Holy Spirit, and when I was sick He healed my body. Praise His holy name!

I praise Him for leading me to attend Bible School. When it seemed as if it would be impossible, He undertook and supplied every need. This is my third year at school and it has been

wonderful to be among Christian young people and to fellowship with His people, but most of all to study His precious Word and to prepare myself for His service wherever the Lord wants me to be.

It is my desire to stay true to my Savior and to be able to witness for Him in such a way that souls may be won for Him. To anyone that does not know Jesus, I would say, "Come to Him, for in Jesus is joy and peace. Truly He saves, keeps, and satisfies."—Helen Wall, Rush Lake, Sask.

I am glad for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, as according to Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..." Truly it is by His mercy and grace that we are saved and not by any works that we have done, because all our righteousness is as filthy rags in His sight.

I am very happy for the privilege of attending Bible School this year. Owing to war conditions, I was unable to attend for the past few years, but thank the Lord the way opened up that I could attend and finish the course this year.

Bible School has meant much to me and I do not hesitate to recommend it to anyone who wants to study God's Word and to find a deeper spiritual walk with God. Thank the Lord for the power of the old-fashioned gospel of Christ that is able to deliver the sinner from his bondage and to make him a child of the King. There is a true joy in serving Jesus. I am glad I found Him in my youth and I want to be found faithful to Him until He comes for His own.—John McLuhan, Consul, Sask.

I am so glad I have had the privilege of going to Bible School for the last three terms. This is my last term of school and I've never regretted a day of it. In 2 Tim. 2:15 we read, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Lord has been very precious to me; He always makes a way when it seems there isn't a way. He never fails us if we only trust and obey Him. I thank God for His saving and keeping power, also for the Holy Spirit that

gives us power for service. If it had not been that Jesus was interested enough in my soul's welfare, I would not be here at Bible School today. I can truly say, "Nothing satisfies but Jesus."

My prayer is that I might be a blessing to some one. He has a place for each one of us, whether it be great or small. The time is very short; the harvest is ripe; laborers are few. **LET US WORK UNTIL JESUS COMES!**—Lois Byington, Robsart, Sask.

I thank the Lord for that great verse of scripture in Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

When I was out in the world, burdened by sin, and wasting my life, serving the devil, God saw fit to call me from this terrible path to walk on higher plains with Him.

I came to Bible School two and one-half years ago, unsaved. I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior the first day I arrived at school. I can truly say I cannot regret that day, for I've found joy and satisfaction in serving the Lord. I also thank the Lord for the baptism of the Holy Spirit which I received a year ago.

Bible School has meant much to me. It has led me in the ways of the Lord and a deeper experience with Him. My prayer is that I may be in the place where God would have me, doing the things He would have me to do, and saying the things that glorify my Savior and Guide—the Lord Jesus Christ.—David Barnes, Frontier, Sask.

I am so happy to say that I am a child of God. I can say with the Apostle Paul that I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. He saved me from a life of sin and put my feet on the Rock, Christ Jesus. He has been a friend to me in time of sickness; He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Last winter, while attending Bible School here at Moose Jaw, we had a wonderful time together. The Lord blessed us and He filled me with His Holy Spirit and called me to work for Him. Pray for me and may the Lord bless you.—Ivar Roset, Gouldtown, Sask.

South Georgia Ministers' Prayer Conference

Held January 14, 15, at Piney Grove Church, Near Odum, Ga.

The South Georgia Ministers' Prayer Conference, under the direction of the State Overseer, A. V. Beaubé, was more than a success. It wasn't the purpose of this meeting to legislate plans for the State work, but that the ministers might be together for those two days. Prayer and preparation for the greatest revival work that Georgia has ever known was the main theme. The preaching was just the kind that made a prayer conference a great success.

Brother T. W. Godwin began the meeting with one of those sermons that always inspires ministers to do their best for the Church. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The singing for this conference was a great blessing and the Lord seemed to be in every

song. The program for the singing and music wasn't the kind of a cut-and-dried, but was anointed with the kind of spirit that makes a prayer conference. Brother Paul T. Stover preached the evening message with fine anointing. God was there in a wonderful way.

Tuesday morning was devoted to evangelism—ministers telling of their plans, evangelists giving their programs; then Bro. Max L. Atkins, of Augusta, preached a forceful sermon concerning revivals and expansion work of the Church. This climaxed one of the finest ministers' prayer conferences I have ever attended. All the ministers began a revival in their hearts. Many went home and began a revival at their church. Everyone who attended was certainly blessed.—A. M. Phillips, pastor, Hemphill Avenue Church of God, Atlanta, Georgia.

Membership More Than Doubled

SUISUN, Calif. I praise God for the good meeting we have had since Brother W. H. Brooks came here as pastor. Our dear Brother M. H. Greene has gone to Kirksville, Mo., as their pastor. We all love him here. Our new pastor had a revival. Sister Dial was the evangelist. The meeting was wonderful. We have more than doubled in membership. We had twelve members, then we had twenty-seven members, but have transferred two from here, now we have twenty-five members. Bro. Vester Barton is doing fine as Sunday School superintendent. The Sunday School has been as high as fifty-eight, never below thirty-four since he has been the superintendent. The Sunday he took charge we had eighteen in Sunday School.

I am sure the Lord is working in every department of the church here. We are now building a new brick church on highway No. 40, Texas Street, in Fairfield. Brother Brooks is a good pastor. We also praise God for the good people who have been saved. Pray for us here.—George W. Henderson, church clerk, Box 224.

God Helped Us Wonderfully

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.—God surely is blessing here in Roanoke Rapids. God has helped us wonder-

good crowds. Our church was greatly blessed, though the weather was very bad. We had a singing convention in behalf of the orphans. Brother A. V. Childers and two orphan children were with us and proved a great blessing. We raised approximately \$354 for the orphanage. The Sunday School gave \$47, the Y.P.E. gave \$37, and the pastor solicited approximately \$100 for the orphans. God helped us break previous records in Sunday School attendance, Sunday School offerings, aged ministers' fund, 5 per cent mission quota, orphanage offering, the L.W.W.B., and we will break our record in missions. We almost broke the tithes record. We are hoping and praying to break our soul-saving record. We are on our way to complete our six-room, modern parsonage.

Bro. Charley Tilley and Bro. B. F. Bradshaw gave us a grand revival here. We have had approximately thirty-one saved, thirteen sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. Pray for us.—Floyd A. Boger, pastor, P. O. Box 442.

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REPORTS *From the Field*

San Antonio District Convention

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—The second district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention of the San Antonio District, which closed January 27, was a success in every way.

To say that our overseer, Rev. V. B. Rains, and our state youth director, Rev. Manuel T. Campbell, were at their best would be putting it mildly.

The convention opened Friday, January 25, 7:30 P. M., with the welcome address by one of our good Baptist brothers, Rev. Henry, of San Antonio. Special songs were rendered by the San Antonio quartet and others. The message was given by our state youth director.

Saturday morning brought a message of instructions, by Rev. V. B. Rains, which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday afternoon was a great inspiration to our district Y.P.E. and Sunday School workers. The house was open for questions regarding the work from the workers of the district, which were answered by our efficient state overseer and youth director. Afterwards, a soul-inspiring message was given by Rev. W. W. Smethers, pastor of the Trinity Church of God.

The Saturday night service was also a blessing. The evening message was rendered by Rev. W. C. Hartgrove, pastor of the Austin Church.

Then came the closing service Sunday morning, January 27, with reports from the churches and another of Brother Rains' soul-stirring messages, after which the orphan and mission offerings were lifted, and a good lunch served. This was like Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. There was enough left to serve as many as were served. The convention closed with handshakes and good-bys, and a greater determination to press on toward another good convention another year.

San Antonio district has only three churches, and neither of them is over two years old, but we have a Savior rich in mercy. We hope, by His help, to rise and shine on the San Antonio District.—Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Woodruff, district pastor, and Y.P.E. and S. S. district supt., 110 Kaine St.

Greetings From Vernon, Texas

VERNON, Tex.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God for sending Brother and Sister Orr to Vernon, Tex. They are wonderful preachers and have the love of God in their hearts and the work at heart. For the first few services they had after coming to Vernon, only seven attended the Sunday School, but the attendance has grown to thirty-seven now, and at the Sunday night services the house is almost filled.

Please pray for the church here. We believe there will be great things done here for God this year. We have asked God for a new church building and believe He will give it to us.

When passing through Vernon, stop over and worship with us. The latch-string is on the outside and a standing welcome awaits all Christians. God bless all.—Mrs. Matt Huff.

Church at High Point, N. C., Working

HIGH POINT, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful way He has been blessing us here. It seems the Lord just pours out blessings at all of our regular services lately. Only the other night at our regular prayer meeting, a young girl was completely healed of appendicitis; and not so long ago a small boy was healed of infantile paralysis, for which we truly praise the Lord, because He is so good.

Last Sunday night the Lord blessed in our service. Several were at the altar seeking the Lord.

We are thankful for our good pastor, Rev. Fred Jump, and his wife. They have certainly been a blessing here in High Point. We have recently started cottage prayer meetings weekly, and the Lord is blessing and people are getting burdened for lost souls.

We ask your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless and help us here.—Reporter, Frances Walker.

News From the Spartanburg No. 1, S. C., Church

Dear Reader: Just a few words of praise for the way the Lord is blessing us here. We have some of the best people here we have ever worked with. The church is doing splendidly under

the leadership of our pastor, Rev. G. C. Hamby, who came to us this year from Birmingham, Ala. We thank the Lord for him. Someone gets blessed in almost every service. There have been thirty saved since the Assembly, a number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and about twenty-five added to the church.

Brother Hamby is district pastor also, and we have a district fellowship meeting the first Monday night in each month, which is proving a great blessing to the district. All the pastors are enthusiastic over these meetings.

Our Y.P.E. and Sunday School are doing fine at the local church. Our attendance is good and our offering is splendid. The Sunday School takes care of about \$100 expense per month, and we have a surplus in the treasury, for which we praise the Lord.

The district is also doing fine. We have a rally for the Y.P.E. and Sunday School each quarter, which is well attended by all the churches on the district. Our rally last Sunday was at Clifton. We had a great time in the Lord, for which we are praising Him.

Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless us in our work.—J. P. Satcher, Y.P.E. and Sunday School district superintendent, 554 J. Center, Spartanburg, S. C.

HORSESHOE, Fla.—I am very glad to report to you that our church is doing fine with our new pastor. I have been out of the Navy for four months and have been serving as superintendent of the Sunday School. God certainly has been blessing. The quarter before I came back home shows an average of about fifteen for each Sunday. Thank God, we had a total of sixty at the end of the last quarter in 1945, and God is still wonderfully blessing.

I am president of our Y.P.E. also and I desire a special interest in your prayers.

We have twenty-three members in our church, and our little village has a population of about two hundred. Please pray for our Sunday School and Y.P.E.—Russell Butler.

Does the world the wrong way rub you? Let it pass.
Does your best friend seem to snub you? Let it pass.
Chances are you were mistaken, None are ever quite forsaken,
All for naught your faith was shaken—let it pass.

—Selected.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

TESTIMONIES

Determined To Trust Him

NEW LONDON, Texas—I thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. For several years I have had a skin condition of the face, known as acne. I was under a doctor's care for a few months and my complexion improved; however, it didn't last long. I used all kinds of medicines and treatments, which helped some. Finally, I quit using medicine and began to pray about it.

At a recent Friday night Y. P. E. service, the power of the Lord came down in a mighty way. Several people, including me, were anointed with oil and prayed for. Two of my classmates remarked, two or three days later, of the improved appearance of my complexion, and asked what I had done for it. They were amazed when I told them I prayed for it.

I promised if He would heal me, I would testify of it. Although I am not, as yet, completely healed, my complexion is so much better. I know He can completely heal me and I'm determined to trust Him all the way. Please pray for me.—Barbara Moore, Box 275.

I Have a Great Hope

Dear Readers of the Church of God Evangel: I thank God for His saving grace. I can feel, in my heart now, the same Spirit that sanctified me, the Holy Ghost, which I received with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Bless His name!

I truly thank God for our little church here in Danville, and our good pastor and his wife. I feel they have already been a blessing to the work here. I thank God for the that makes us love the truth in its purity, and for the great hope I have that I will be with Jesus when this life is over. I thank God for our leaders, who are spreading the gospel in new fields. I feel sure God wants us to support our evangelists, that they might take the gospel to the lost world. Think of the many souls that are going down to destruction.

I thank God for the Church of God Evangel; every word that comes to me through it is a great blessing to me. I desire your prayers that I'll be faithful till Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. Iva Heath, clerk, Canville, Ky.

No Harm Came Near Me

Dear Evangel Readers: As I was thinking of you and reading the last copy of the Evangel, I thought I would write and tell how much I have enjoyed it. I can say it has been a great help to me out here where you don't get to hear the true gospel. I get the paper and it surely blesses my soul to read of all those good meetings and to see how God is healing. It makes me feel like I have just been in a good meeting. I am glad God is still saving souls. It makes me homesick to get back and be in some of those meetings. I am surely going to make up for lost time.

We are on our way back now, and it shouldn't be so long before I am home. I thank God for what He has been to us on this trip. We have seen a lot, but thanks to the Master, no harm came near us. We were in the invasion of Okinawa from the beginning until June 2. We were used for almost everything, but no enemy came near us. We first helped land troops. Later we were sent out on radar picket duty to get the Jap suicide planes before they got into the big ship. We saw many planes come in for a suicide. Some hit and some missed and went into the water, but still none came near us. We then went on patrol for Jap suicide boats. We saw many ships getting hit, but still God had His hand on us. I knew the good folks were praying for me and I had my hand in His, so I knew that whatever happened I was in God's hand and I took Rom. 8:28 for myself. I knew without a doubt that I was ready to go but, thank God, He spared my life so I could come back and tell others about Jesus and His love. It was nothing I did, or any other man, but what God did.

Many people wonder about their boys, if they pray or not. Well, let me answer that. Yes. I have seen many boys in the Service, from all churches, and they all pray or read their Bibles some time or other. I held services here for a while and you should hear the boys sing. They love it. Some of them never knew there were songs like these. They were like I was, glad to see the time come for service. Though they

were from all the different churches, nearly all there had their favorite song, "Come and Dine." How they did like it. I was really surprised to see them that way. Many times it was discouraging but I held on and God brought us through. I look back and see people who had a chance to go to service and wouldn't. How it surely hurt. Oh, I love Him this morning and want to do my best for Him for I know it won't be long before He is coming again and I want to be ready. Don't you? Just remember, if we miss heaven, we have missed it all. My home address is 206 Hamblin St., Corbin, Ky.—A brother in Christ, Earl F. Ford.

The Lord Has Never Failed Me

CRESCENT SPRINGS, Ky.—I praise the Lord for His healing power, for the way the Lord has touched my husband's body. On August 2, he was stricken down with cerebral spinal meningitis and it looked like he couldn't live very long, if God didn't undertake. I called for the saints to come pray. His head hurt him so he couldn't bear for us to pray aloud, and we could not lay our hands on him, he was so nervous. He went to church on Sunday and the saints prayed for him. It looked like he was going to die. We brought him home. I still held on to God and begged the Lord to heal him, if it was His will. Some of the saints lost faith and said they didn't think he was going to live. I fasted and prayed and God gave me victory. I told my husband I had prayed through and God was going to heal him. Praise His name! Brother Ivan Stone came by on his way from the Assembly and he and I prayed for him again that night. God touched his body and he has been gaining ever since. Now he is able to be back in service and preach and take care of his church work.

I have trusted the Lord for twenty-three years and He has never failed me. Praise His name! I have much for which to praise the Lord. He has healed us so many times. God is still on the throne and hears and answers prayer. He said He would not leave us nor forsake us. I have always found Him a present help in time of need.—Mrs. John Newton.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever," 1 Tim. 1:17.

My Testimony

Bauang, Luzon, P. I.

Dear Saints and Evangel Readers:

I truly praise the Lord for old-time salvation and His keeping power. God is so good to me; He heals my body when I get sick and comforts my heart when I am sad.

I attend a native church over here, and the people are very nice to us boys. They have a form of worship, as a lot of churches do, but they need the old-time power of the Holy Ghost to get things stirred up. We boys are doing our best to get the true gospel to them. This is such a needy place.

The natives aren't the only ones who need God. The GI's over here are going farther away from God. There is nothing too low for them to do. No wonder Jesus said the days would be shortened for the elect's sake, otherwise no flesh would be saved.

Saints, it is time for us to wake up and get busy, working and praying as never before. People are going into eternity every day unprepared to meet God. Truly the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Let's do our best to help a few more precious souls to God before Jesus comes. Pray for me and remember all the boys over here, also the natives.—T[5] Elmer Odom.

Praise God for His Healing

We find in God's holy Word the following Scripture. "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee," Deut. 23: 21.

Dear saints, last week I was sick and getting so weak, as I had been sick for quite a while. I promised God if He would heal me I would testify to it. He healed me! Oh, He is a wonderful Savior! He can help us when no one else can. He is my burden bearer. He has healed me so many times I can never praise Him enough for it. He has kept my soul from a life of sin since the year of 1922. I ask each one who reads this to pray much that He will completely heal me of every affliction and make the way for me to preach His Word more. —A sister in Christ, Zylpher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

Don't Give Up

PRINCETON, W. Va.—A while back I wrote in for prayer for my daughter's health, also mine. Thank the Lord, I feel so much better and my daughter is well of kidney trouble. I

just wish I could write all and tell the experience we had about the time the saints of God were praying for us. Oh, how the devil did work to try to cause a doubt, but I just said, "Lord, though I die I will just keep depending on you." Christian friend, don't give up, wait on the Lord, because when you get just where the Lord wants you, then He will be there.—Ada Wimmur, Rt. 2, Box 33-A.

Praise God for Healing Me

S. BRISTOL, Tenn.—I praise God for healing me. In December, 1944, I was taken to the hospital. They found I had cancer. They did all they could for me at Bristol but I seemed to get worse all the time.

In June, 1945, the doctor sent me to Johnson City hospital for treatment. I was there eight days. I got so sick my doctor sent me home for a week, but I was too sick to go back. It looked like sometimes I would have to leave this world, but the dear saints would pray for me and the Lord would wonderfully touch my body. I would think I was healed, but in a little while I would get worse again. I continued this way about two months.

One day my dear pastor, Brother Kutz, told me I was not willing to die. I said, "Lord, I am going to trust you if you take me now. I am ready to go." When I laid aside everything and put all my trust in Him, He wonderfully healed me. Glory to His name. He is everything to me. I am not afraid to trust Him; He has done so much for me.

I have been in the Church of God for nineteen years and the Holy Ghost is just as precious as He was nineteen years ago. I do as much work now as I could ten years ago. I praise God for His goodness to me.

Please pray for my daughters to be saved and that I might be just what the Lord would have me be.—Mrs. Lillie Shipley, 1319 Broad St.

HINDRANCES TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE OF FAITH

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"Surely he shall deliver thee from . . . the noisome pestilence . . . thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night; nor of the arrow that flieth by day . . . nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee . . . There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come

nigh thy dwelling," are all based on a condition, and that condition is complete trust in the Lord, without fear or doubt. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High . . ." That means a trusting, praying, abiding Christian. "Because thou hast made the Lord—even the most High, thy habitation . . ." These are the reasons given by the Lord for His all-abiding protection from plague and danger.

If troubles and sicknesses, above the normal tests of faith that may come in any home, are dogging your steps, pause and meditate a moment; are you dwelling in the secret place of the most High, and making Him your habitation, or have you allowed fears, doubts and distrusts to take the place of that once abiding faith, until you find that you are trusting more in the "arm of flesh" than in the Lord? Hear anew the words of Jeremiah 17:5-8, "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh . . . and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." I would far rather die trusting the Lord, knowing I will not go until it is His will if I trust in Him, than to pass into unconsciousness and death filled with doubts and stuffed with dope and injections because of that doubt.

Jesus said that Peter doubted, and he doubted because he took his eyes off Jesus and beheld the unfavorable conditions round about him! If there is one lesson of faith greater than any other, then it is to be found right here. When the storms beat around your life of faith, KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS. If you look at the boisterous winds and waves you'll begin to sink! If you look at the evidences and conditions which disapprove your faith, you have lost the battle!

"Look to the Lamb of God;
Look to the Lamb of God,
For He alone is able to save you,
Look to the Lamb of God!"

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BANGKOK BIBLE HOUSE UNDAMAGED

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Scriptures that may yet remain undistributed.

The Rev. Choreorn Sakoongan, a member of the Society's translation and revision committee, and one of the ablest men in all Siam, was drowned when a torpedo hit a steamer on which he was traveling to Bangkok. For three years prior to the war, Mr. Sakoongan had done very valuable work in the translation and the revision of the books of the Old Testament.

The churches in Siam are in a flourishing condition, according to Mr. Gittasan, who, as Moderator of the General Assembly, visited practically every church in the country during the war. More money was given by the church members for the support of the gospel than ever before. In many places, property was destroyed and in others Christians were not allowed to come together for religious services, and although every one had less money than before the war, like the good Samaritan, they shared with those less fortunate. Native Christians had remained most faithful in those cities where the bombings had been heaviest, according to Mr. Gittasan's report.

The American Bible Society will shortly be sending a secretary to supervise its work again in Siam. Bible work was begun there over a century ago, in 1837. The Society's agency was established in 1890 in Bangkok.

WAIT ON THE LORD

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herit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it," Psa. 37:34.

In my traveling, I find so many people who don't seem to know God or what it takes to live a true Christian life. It seems as if some think if they ask God to give them something and don't see it coming in thirty minutes, they are justified in saying, "Well, God did not answer my prayer." Dear friend, you are wrong, if you think that. Our text says, "Wait on the Lord."

I would like to ask you to read 1 John 5:14, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us."

Friend, God doesn't want you to ask of Him anything foolish. Right here I would like to give you some personal experience. Some months

ago I was praying and asking God to bless me with something which I really needed, because I knew God's Word was true and I was in a place where I had to stand up for God, so I prayed and worked hard. I went to the woods and cried and prayed when others were drinking, going to the shows, gambling, cursing, and committing other vile sins. I am just a little private in our United States Army but, dear people, I know God and He will give me a crown of glory for my reward. I would like to say more, but maybe some other brother or sister in Christ may want to say something in the space I would take up, so my last words are, "Don't give up, saints of God. Sinners, give your hearts to God before it is too late. You may say no one loves you, but you are wrong. God loves you."

My home address is 101 Beach Street, Baxley, Georgia. I would like to hear from any one who gets a blessing out of this reading.

Don't see how little religion you can do with; see how much you can get.

Right living is better than high living, and cheaper.

REVIVAL

NEWTON, N. C.—Dear Readers of the Church of God Evangel, I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us here at Newton in a two weeks' revival just closed. We had good services every night. The Lord surely was with us in every service.

One soul was saved and added to the church, two were healed, and the saints were greatly revived. Sister Pollie Jenkins, of Woodruff, S. C., was the one who did the preaching. We all feel like she was a blessing to the church. We all love Sister Jennings and hope to have her with us again some time.

This is a new work here at Newton. They are now putting up our building in which to worship, and we hope to have it finished soon. We desire the prayers of you praying people, that God will bless and supply our needs.—Mrs. Roy Evans, 2035 N. College Ave.

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